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SUBJ: SAIGON BASED U.S. BUSINESSMAN URGES AID TO SOUTH VIETNAM

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TELEGRAM URGING AID TO SVN FROM U.S. BUSINESSMAN AND LONGTIME SAIGON RESIDENT, CLYDE W. BAUER, TO PRESIDENT FORD. TELEGRAM WAS PUBLISHED JANUARY 10, BUT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE WAS NOT REPORTED BY FOREIGN PRESS.

2. BEGIN TEXT AS AN AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN HAVING LONG ASSOCIATION WITH VIETNAM AND ITS PEOPLE I BELIEVE I AM QUALIFIED TO STATE THE MAJORITY OF AMERICANS KNOWING VIETNAM AND ITS PEOPLE FEEL MORE THAN EVER THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND FELLOW AMERICANS MUST SUPPORT VIETNAM AND ITS PEOPLE. PARA THE SENSELESS ENEMY ATTACKS ON PHUOC BINH CITY AND OTHER POPULATED AREAS REFLECT THEIR UTTER DISREGARD FOR HUMAN LIFE AND IN ADDITION TO COUNTLESS MILITARY CASUALTIES THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF CIVILIAN VICTIMS INCLUDING MANY WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO WERE EITHER KILLED OR BADLY WOUNDED. THE ENEMY HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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NO INTENTION OF ABIDING BY EXISTING PEACE ACCORD. URGENTLY REQUEST

YOU MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORT FOR US GOVERNMENT AID TO VIETNAM WHICH AT THIS CRITICAL TIME IS URGENTLY NEEDED. VIETNAMESE SOLDIERS ARE BRAVE FIGHTERS BUT THEY ARE IN DIRE NEED OF THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND AMMUNITION. SUPPORT OF VIETNAM ITS LEADERS AND ITS PEOPLE IS JUSTIFIABLE NO MATTER THE CONSIDERATIONS. RESPECTFULLY, CLYDE W. BAUER, P.O. BOX 2431, SAIGON, VIETNAM. END TEXT

3. MR. BAUER FIRST CAME TO SAIGON ABOUT FIFTEEN YEARS AGO. HE IS NOW IN PRIVATE BUSINESS HERE. HE WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (FOUNDED IN 1966), WAS ITS FIRST DIRECTOR, AND IS A MEMBER TODAY. WE BELIEVE DEPARTMENT WILL FIND MR. BAUER'S VIEWS SET FORTH ABOVE A USEFUL OFFSET TO UNIFORMED CRITICISM OF OUR VIETNAM POLICY.
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